

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 15-19 in the following manner:

The recording layer 3 was formed from AgInSbTe as the phase change material. The atomic composition of this material was set to values in the range as follows when expressed with  $\text{Ag}_\alpha\text{In}_\beta\text{Sb}_\gamma\text{Te}_\delta$   $\text{Ag}_\alpha\text{In}_\beta\text{Sb}_\gamma\text{Te}_\delta$ . Where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$  represent atomic percent and satisfy the relations:

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 4-8 in the following manner:

When the recording layer 3 is formed from AgInSbTe, respective ranges as follows are preferable when each composition ratio of the component elements are expressed with  $\text{Ag}_\alpha\text{In}_\beta\text{Sb}_\gamma\text{Te}_\delta$   $\text{Ag}_\alpha\text{In}_\beta\text{Sb}_\gamma\text{Te}_\delta$ . Here,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$  represent atomic percent and satisfy the relations: